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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1645**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
LEONARD et al.) Group Art Unit: 1645
Application No.: 10/659,586) Examiner: N.M. Minnifield
Filed: September 11, 2003) Confirmation No.: 4504
For: USE OF IL-12 AND IL-12)
ANTAGONISTS IN THE)
TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE)
DISEASES)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 5.

Attachments include seven references discussed herein: